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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, EFIS  
SUBJECT: MEXICO-CUBA MARITIME BOUNDARY

REF: STATE 064438

1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, EMBASSY  
CONTACTED OFFICIAL IN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT WHO AGREED TO  
PROVIDE ON INFORMAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TEXT OF  
MEXICO AND CUBAN NOTES DATED JULY 26, 1976, WHICH  
CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF THE MARITIME  
BOUNDARY BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF BOTH NOTES FOLLOWS.  
WHERE EXACT TRANSLATION UNCLEAR, SPANISH HAS BEEN  
INCLUDED IN PARENTHESES.

3. TEXT OF MEXICAN NOTE NO. B-30157, DATED TLATELOLCO,  
D.F., JULY 26, 1976.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

AS A RESULT OF THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICO AND CUBA HAVE BEEN HOLDING  
WITH RESPECT TO DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME  
BOUNDARIES (ESPACIOS) OF BOTH COUNTRIES, IN THE  
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AREAS IN WHICH SUCH SPACES WILL JOIN EACH OTHER  
(SERAN COLINDANTES) BY VIRTUE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF MEXICO AND THE  
EVENTUAL CREATION OF A CUBAN ECONOMIC ZONE (OR ITS  
EQUIVALENT), BY INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT I AM  
HONORED TO PROPOSE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE FOLLOWING:

1) THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA AGREE TO ESTABLISH, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUIDISTANCE, THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF MEXICO AND THAT WHICH WILL BE THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF CUBA (OR ITS EQUIVALENT).

2) THE DIVIDING LINE REFERRED TO IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH IS DEFINED BY THE ARCS HAVING THE LARGEST CIRCLES (ARCOS DE CIRCULO MAXIMO) WHICH JOIN THE POINTS WHOSE GEODESIC COORDINATES, DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DATE, ARE THE FOLLOWING: (NOTE: PER DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, COORDINATES HAVE BEEN OMITTED BUT WILL BE INCLUDED IN COMPLETE TEXT WHICH EMBASSY IS FURNISHING TO WASHINGTON.)

3) THE DIVIDING LINE APPEARS, FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES, IN THE GEOGRAPHIC MAP WHICH IS ANNEXED TO THE PRESENT NOTE. (NOTE: REFERENCED MAP NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT WISHES EMBASSY TO TRY TO OBTAIN.)

4) THE DIVIDING LINE WILL BE, AT THE SAME TIME, THE DIVIDING LINE FOR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF MEXICO AND THAT OF CUBA, IF SUCH SHOULD EXIST.

5) THE AGREEMENT IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 4 DOES NOT AFFECT THE POSITIONS OR CONCEPTS OF EITHER

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OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING LAW OF THE SEA.

I WOULD APPRECIATE, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THAT IF THE PREVIOUS POINTS MERIT THE APPROVAL OF YOUR GOVERNMENT YOU SO INFORM ME SO THAT THIS NOTE AND THAT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY IN RESPONSE TO IT CONSTITUTE A FORMAL AGREEMENT IN THIS RESPECT BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

/S/ ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES

4. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF CUBAN NOTE NO. 190/76, DATED MEXICO, D.F., JULY 26, 1976.

MR. SECRETARY:

AS A RESULT OF THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICO AND CUBA HAVE BEEN HOLDING WITH RESPECT TO THE DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES

(ESPACIOS) OF BOTH COUNTRIES, IN THE AREAS IN WHICH SUCH SPACES WILL JOIN EACH OTHER BY VIRTUE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF MEXICO AND THE EVENTUAL CREATION OF A CUBAN ECONOMIC ZONE (OR ITS EQUIVALENT) I AM HONORED TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING POINTS PROPOSED IN SAID NOTE:

(DEPT. NOTE: PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 5 IDENTICAL TO

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THOSE CONTAINED IN MEXICAN NOTE.)

I BEG YOUR EXCELLENCY TO PLEASE ACCEPT THE PRESENT NOTE AS THE RESPONSE TO THAT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY IN ORDER THAT BOTH CONSTITUTE A FORMAL AGREEMENT IN THIS RESPECT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

/S/ FERNANDO LOPEZ MUINO

5. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO FONSEC OFFICIAL, EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS VERY SIMILAR TO TEXT OF US-MEXICAN AGREEMENT WITH EXCEPTION OF PARAGRAPH 4 THAT SPECIFIES THE DIVIDING LINE WILL ALSO SERVE AS DIVIDING LINE FOR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF MEXICO AND OF CUBA, IF ONE WERE TO EXIST. PER DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, EMBASSY IS POUCHING COMPLETE TEXT IN SPANISH OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN MEXICO AND CUBA. THOMPSON.

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